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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: Al Haig

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SUBJECT: B-52 Strike in Northern Laos

In response to a request by Ambassador Godley, three B-52 aircraft struck a North Vietnamese troop center and supply storage area in the Plain of Jarres some 15 miles northeast of Sam Thong at 8:25 a. m. EST, January 20, 1971. (See attached map.) The target area was a major enemy turnaround and logistical point which was also believed to be a major Command and Control Center. Preliminary reports indicate that the raid resulted in five secondary explosions of up to three times normal size.

Attachment

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